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1. The Freier Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (FDGB) was re-established in July 1945. Formerly the individual unions were independent organs which made all their own decisions and executed them, even to controlling their own funds, only giving over to the federation a stipulated percent of their income. The FDGB, however, was not founded on the principles of the pre-1933 organization, but was constructed entirely in accordance with the system in use throughout the Russian occupation.
2. The Freier Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund consists of the industrial and the non-industrial unions and the FDGB (apparently also a union organization within the Freier Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund, comparable to the industrial unions and non-industrial unions). The main organ is the FDGB Bundesvorstand in Berlin which dictates its decisions and orders to the industrial and non-industrial unions, who in turn put these resolutions and orders into execution.
3. The most in social benefits offered by the FDGB are death benefits and accidental death benefits. From time to time old union members who have been members for a long time and can prove union membership of 20 years prior to 1 May 1933 can secure old age poverty benefits (Notfall-Unterstützung) also.
4. FDGB Organization in the East Zone:

The FDGB Bundesvorstand in Berlin.

The Zentralvorstände of the industrial and of the non-industrial unions.

a. The following are the industrial unions: *

Construction
Garment workers (Bekleidung)
Miners
Actors (Bühne)
Chemical workers
Power
Railroads
Health
Graphic crafts
Commerce

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Wood workers
 Agriculture and Forestry workers
 Leather workers
 Metal workers
 Necessities and Luxuries workers (Nahrung- und Genussmittel)
 Postal and Telephone System workers
 Textile workers
 Transport workers

b. The following are the non-industrial unions:

Artists
 Teachers and Educators
 Insurance, Bank and Administrative workers (VBV - Versicherungs-, Banken, Verwaltungen)

c. There are also the following organizations:

FDGB Landesvorstand in Brandenburg
 FDGB Landesvorstand in Mecklenburg
 FDGB Landesvorstand in Saxony
 FDGB Landesvorstand in Saxony-Anhalt (Halle)
 FDGB Landesvorstand in Thuringia
 Landesvorstände of the Industrial Unions
 Landesvorstände of the non-Industrial Unions

5. The FDGB Landesvorstand in Halle:

Vorstand: Chairman - Rudolf Maisel
 Deputy chairman - Arnold Beck

Secretariat: Director - Horst Weiss
 - Lungewitz and Brandtschädel have resigned.

Youth: Director - Horst Weiss

Organization: Director - (fnu) Lungewitz
 - formerly Hermann Rössler

Personnel: Director - (fnu) Eberle
 also active - (fnu) Möbius, (fnu) Berlach, (fnu) Obst.

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Treasury: Director - Franz Kirchhoff
 also active - (fnu) Hollmann, (fnu) Toedtman, (fnu) Huebsch,
 (fnu) Hölme, (fnu) Schaffer, (fnu) Müller,
 (fnu) Blumentritt, (fnu) Schondorf.
 auditors - (fnu) Berg and (fnu) Suchatzki.

Vacation service:
 (Feriendienst)

6. The FDGB and the IG's in K8then:

Kreis Secretariat: Chairman - Otto Mertens
 Deputy chairman - Kurt Clauss
 employee - C. Leibold

Kreis Treasury: Director - (fnu) Keiner
 employees - (fnu) Senst, (fnu) Kopal, (fnu) Johr,
 (fnu) Steinbrück.

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| Orts Vorstand: | Chairman | - Fritz Greie |
| | Organization | - Otto Hildebrandt |
| | Training | - Otto Grube |
| | Youth | - Brigitte Lippert |
| | employees | - Christa Wagner and Trudel Pöschel |
| | auditors | - Max Klauske and Bruno Schlager |

7. Industrial and non-industrial unions: **

a. The following are the industrial unions and their directors: *

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| Construction | - | Alfred Gravert |
| Garment workers (Bekleidung) | - | (fnu) Schoepe (honorary) |
| Miners | - | in Bitterfeld |
| Actors (Bühne) | - | (fnu) Propf (honorary) |
| Chemical workers | - | Walter Rietz |
| Railroads | - | Bruno Schlager (honorary) |
| Power | - | (fnu) Hädicke (honorary) |
| Health | - | The Bezirksvorstand chairman is (fnu) Ehrich, a paid official. The Ortsvorstand chairman is (fnu) Scheer, an honorary official. |
| Graphic crafts | - | Ernst Winter (honorary) |
| Wood workers | - | Fritz Storbeck (honorary) |
| Agriculture and Forestry workers | - | (fnu) Lohmann (honorary) |
| Leather workers | - | (fnu) Neidhardt (honorary) |
| Metal workers | - | (fnu) Leger |
| Necessities and Luxuries workers (Nahrung- und Genuss) | - | Paul Kahlow |
| Postal workers | - | (fnu) Schulz (honorary) |
| Textile workers | - | Frau (fnu) Becker (honorary) |
| Transport workers | - | (fnu) Reichelt |
| VEV | - | Frau (fnu) Klingberg |

b. The following are the non-industrial unions and their directors: *

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| Commerce | - | (fnu) Brandt (honorary) |
| Artists | - | (fnu) Zeidler (honorary) |
| Teachers and Educators | - | Professor (fnu) Prüfer (honorary) |

8. Employees of the industrial unions: **

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| Construction: | Ursula Ihlo |
| Chemical workers: | Dolores Renneberg |
| Health: | Frl. (fnu) Fiedler |
| Agriculture and Forestry workers: | Hildegard Kurek |
| | Gisela Wetterny |
| | Ursula Seiferth |
| | (fnu) Richter *** |
| | (fnu) Lippert *** |
| Metal workers: | Frl. (fnu) Steinbrück |
| Necessities and Luxuries workers: | Frl. (fnu) Rolf |
| Transport workers: | Frau Erna Voigt |

9. The following persons have resigned: **

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| Karl Kaluza | Heinrich Grüss |
| Willy Peschmann | (fnu) Schneider |
| Günther Ernst | Robert Dreilich |
| Günther Jacobsen | Dr. (fnu) Jacob |

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(fnu) Schramm
 Franz Springer
 Ernst Schulz
 Hans Jochem
 Waldemar Küssel
 Anny Greiner
 Mathilde Madry

(fnu) Georges MD
 Otto Jacob
 Hermann Reichardt
 (fnu) Bischoff
 Max Zabel
 Paul Kirstein
 Wilhelm Theuerjahr

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[REDACTED] Comment: In paragraph 4 source lists Commerce under the industrial unions and the VEV under the non-industrial unions. But in paragraph 7 they are listed in reverse; that is Commerce as a non-industrial union and the VEV as an industrial union. It is not known whether this was intentional or an error.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Presumably in Köthen, although source does not so state specifically.

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[REDACTED] Comment: Source is unclear whether Richter and Lippert should be listed under the Agriculture and Forestry workers as given in this report, or under the Leather workers. The assumption is, however, as given.

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